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28 October 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

Chairman, Foreign Language Training Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Change the Name of the Foreign Language Training Committee to the Foreign Language Committee

1. Action Requested: That you approve changing the name of the DCI's Foreign Language Training Committee to "Foreign Language Committee".

2. Background: Since its creation in March, 1982, the Foreign Language Training Committee has been involved in all aspects of the problem of ensuring that the Intelligence, Defense, and Foreign Affairs Communities be adequately supplied with personnel with appropriate foreign language and collateral skills. Although training is a most important element in this problem, the Committee has been equally concerned with other matters such as Machine Assisted Translation, the establishment of common proficiency standards for speaking, writing, and comprehension, and the efficacy of bonuses to attract and maintain qualified linguists. It is the consensus of all members of the Committee that the word "Training" should be dropped from the Committee's name since it creates the impression that the Committee is primarily concerned with training matters. This undue stress on training can cause bureaucratic difficulties in all the organizations represented in the Committee, but above all, to the Department of Defense components.

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APPROVED: /S/ John N. McMahon
for
Director of Central Intelligence

04 NOV 1983

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DISAPPROVED: _____
Director of Central Intelligence

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